Arrest of Income Tax evaders

81. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons arrested for evading Income Tax during the last six months; and

(b) what steps have been taken to check evasion of Income Tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 17 convictions were obtained during 1-1-1985 to 30-6-1985 by the Income Tax Department.

(b) All administrative, legislative and institutional measures to check evasion of Income Tax are taken from time to time.

कागज के कूपनों और प्लास्टिक के टोकनों का परिचालन

82. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि एक रुपए के नोट तथा सिक्कों के अभाव के कारण देश भर में बड़े पैमाने पर कागज के कूपन और प्लास्टिक के सिक्के चलाये जा रहें हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने ऐसे सिक्कों के परिचालन को रोकने हेतु अभी तक क्या कदम उठाये है ; और

(ग) क्या इस संबंध मे कुछ लोगों को गिरफ्तार करके उनके विरूद्ध मुकदमे दायर किये गये है , यदि हा, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि कतिपय प्रतिष्ठान जैसे कि दुकानों, होटलों द्वारा अपने माल के लेन-देन में अपने ग्राहकों को कागज के कूपन जारी किये जाने के समाचार मिले है । तथापि भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक को कागजों के कूपनों और प्लास्टिक टोकनो के बड़े पैमाने पर चलाये जाने के संबंध में कोई जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) जैसा कि ऊपर कहा गया है, कि कागज के कूपनों और प्लास्टिक टोकनों का प्रयोग होटलों, कैंटीनों और दुकानो जैसे प्रतिष्ठानो मे अपने लेन-देन की सुविधा के लिए किया जाना है, सिक्कों को प्रतिष्ठापित करने के लिए नही किया जाता है । इस प्रकार कागज के कूपन और प्लास्टिक के टोकन वैध मुद्रा नहीं हैं और किसी प्रकार की कानूनी कार्रवाई करने के लिए कोई कार्रवाई नहीं है ।

वैस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स की धनपुरी ओपेन कास्ट कोयला खदान से कोयले के उत्पादन में गिरावट

83. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या इस्पात, खान और कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड के सोहागपुर क्षेत्र की धनपुरी ओपन कास्ट कोयला खदान में ओवरटाइम और श्रम शक्ति बढ़ाने के बाद भी कोयले के उत्पादन में गिरावट आयी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार इस खदान से सितम्बर 1984 से मई, 1985 की अवधि में कोयले के उत्पादन में आयी गिरावट के कारणों की जांच करायेगी ?

इस्पात, खान और कोयला मंत्री (श्री वसन्त साठे) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और वह सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

News-Item Captioned "Drug Menace Plagues Delhi"

84. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the 'Times of India' on the 11th June, 1985 cap-

tioned "Drug menace plagues Delhi", if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Press report in question relates to the growing drug-addiction|trafficking problems in Delhi.

India has, for some time past, been increasingly facing the problem of transit traffic in drugs from the Near and Middle East Region. This is also evident from the recent reports of the International Narcotics Control Board. In its report for the year 1984 the Board *inter alia*, observed that, "India is increasingly used as a transit country for opiates and cannabis destined for other regions of the world and New Delhi and Bombay are reportedly the most important exit points for these drugs".

The field formations remain vigilant to check smuggling including that of narcotics. Appropriate antismuggling measures are taken in co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. Close co-operation with the concerned international agencies is also maintained to curb smuggling of the drugs.

A draft comprehensive legislation on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, *inter-alia*, providing for deterrent punishment to check smuggling of such drugs and substances is at an advanced stage of finalisation for introduction in the Parliament.

Action regarding prevention of drug abuse is co-ordinated by the Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare.

An inter-Ministerial Group has been set up by the Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare to review and monitor the drug-abuse situation in the country. De-addiction facilities for treatment of drug-addiction are being augmented. Several steps have also been taken to educate the people about the evils of drug-addiction.

Increase in remittances from abroad

85. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether remittances from Indians in foreign countries have shown an upward trend during the last two months;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to encourage this trend further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No precise information about remittances received exclusively from Indians in foreign countries is available since details of remittances of Rs. 10,000|- and below are not required to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India by the Authorised Dealers under the current rules. However, month-wise figures of quick and provisional estimates of non-export receipts for the past five months of the current year are as below:—

January	..	Rs. 866.18 crores
February	:	Rs. 748.31 crores
March	..	Rs. 889.68 crores
April	:	Rs. 571.31 crores
May (Latest available)	:	Rs. 695.82 crores

The above figures represent gross non-export receipts passing through authorised dealers on account of shipping receipts, insurance receipts, dividend receipts, tourism receipts etc., besides four heads of receipts relevant to the term 'inward remittances' namely (i) family maintenance,

(ii) savings of non-residents, (iii) migrant transfer and (iv) money order receipts.

(c) Various steps already taken to attract flow of funds to India are reviewed from time to time and appropriate action to revise them are taken as and when considered necessary.